

REMARKS

Claim 23 is pending in the present application. Claims 1-4 have been cancelled herein.

I. FORMAL MATTERS

The Examiner has made a minor objection to the drawings under 37 C.F.R. § 1.83(a) with respect to Claims 1 and 2. Claims 1 and 2 have been cancelled. Thus, this objection is now moot and withdrawal is respectfully requested.

II. PRIOR ART REJECTIONS

Claims 1-4

Claims 1-4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,223,615 as well as European Patent Application No. 0 545 363. These claims were also rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over U.S. Patent No. 4,698,530 in view of the '363 reference.

Claims 1-4 have been cancelled herein. Therefore, these rejections are moot and withdrawal is respectfully requested.

New Claim 23 has been added. All of the limitations of new Claim 23 are comparable to limitations of originally presented claims. Accordingly, no new matter is introduced hereby. Applicants respectfully submit that new Claim 23 patentably distinguishes over the art of record, and allowance of this claim is respectfully requested.

Based on the foregoing, Applicant submits that the present application is in condition for allowance. Applicant kindly requests the Examiner to contact the


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undersigned at the phone number listed below to discuss this application, if the Examiner feels that such discussion may expedite prosecution of the present application.

Applicant believes that no additional fees are due for the subject application. However, if for any reason a fee is required, a fee paid is inadequate or credit is owed for any excess fee paid, you are hereby authorized and requested to charge Deposit Account No. 04-1105.

Respectfully submitted,

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